

performing a first assurance review of said first solution to determine whether said first solution is technically viable, deliverable, and includes technical risk identification, assessment, and containment plans;

performing a second assurance review of said first solution to determine whether said first solution includes complete schedules, a complete cost and profit case, and said first solution satisfies both said provider business objectives and said customer need;

defining a second solution by said provider, by correcting any deficiencies identified in said first or second assurance reviews;

obtaining customer commitment to said second solution;

thereafter, performing a first readiness review of said second solution to identify new issues or risks which arose during said obtaining customer commitment step, determine whether delivery plans are established, and establish baselines for performance and said profit case;

periodically performing a project management review to verify said second solution is being managed as defined, meeting said profit case, and meeting said customer need; and

thereafter, performing a deliverable readiness review to verify that said second solution has been delivered to said customer and that said second solution satisfies said customer need.

2. (Not Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of performing a third assurance review of said second solution to determine whether said deficiencies have been satisfactorily corrected.

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A2 4. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said first readiness review is performed by conducting a meeting to examine whether written delivery plans comprising communication delivery plans, organization delivery plans, tracking delivery plans, change control delivery plans, quality management delivery plans, and reporting delivery plans are all established.

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